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DRAFTED BY SY/CC:JFPERDEW:SC
APPROVED BY A/SY - VICTOR H. DIKEOS
A/SY/OPS - VFSTMARS
M/CT - J KARKASHIAN
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TO AMEMBASSY FREETOWN PRIORITY
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN PRIORITY

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FREETOWN FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DIKEOS, ABIDJAN FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: SAFETY OF AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO SIERRA LEONE

REF: (A) FREETOWN 2798 (B) STATE 208089
(C) STATE 207389

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR MESSAGE (REFTEL A), I REQUESTED
INVESTIGATION WITHIN SY ON TIMING AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF
ALERT (REFTEL C) AND SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION (REFTEL B)
MESSAGES ON POSSIBLE THREAT TO YOUR SAFETY.

2. I CAN PERSONALLY ASSURE YOU THAT THE DELAY IN GETTING
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THIS THREAT INFORMATION TO YOU DID NOT ORIGINATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OR SY.

3. SY HAS DEVELOPED AN OFFICE SPECIFICALLY TASKED TO
HANDLE POTENTIAL TERRORIST AND SECURITY MATTERS SUCH AS
THIS ON A PRIORITY BASIS AND WE HAVE A GOOD RESPONSE
RECORD. IN THIS CASE, THE ORIGINAL ALERT MESSAGE WAS

SENT TO YOU WITHIN ONE HOUR OF RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION
IN SY.

4. USSS ALERTED SY ON AUGUST 30 AT 1615 HOURS THAT THEY
HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM INS-BALTIMORE CONCERNING
JOHNSON. SY BEGAN MAKING TELEPHONE INQUIRIES AT THAT
TIME, BUT COULD NOT REACH INS-BALTIMORE. THEREFORE,
THE FIRST MESSAGE WAS SENT BASED ON THE INFORMATION
PROVIDED BY USSS.

5. FOLLOW-UP WITH INS-BALTIMORE BEGAN AT BEGINNING OF
BUSINESS ON AUGUST 31 AND INFORMATION DEVELOPED WAS
FORWARDED IN REFTEL B.

6. THIS INCIDENT POINTS UP THE FACT THAT SOME
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THIS
INFORMATION ONCE THEY RECEIVE IT. THUS, THERE ARE OFTEN
CONSIDERABLE DELAYS IN GETTING INFORMATION TO DEPARTMENT
AND ULTIMATELY TO THE FIELD WHERE IT IS NEEDED.

7. I WILL REQUEST THAT THIS INCIDENT BE RAISED BY M/CT
AT THE NEXT BIWEEKLY MEETING OF THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE
TO COMBAT TERRORISM WITH THE HOPE THAT FUTURE INCIDENTS
OF THIS TYPE ARE REPORTED IN A MORE TIMELY FASHION. VANCE

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